

**CITY OF HOUSTON**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION PACKET**

Please note, the information contained in this packet is for general informational purposes. Individuals seeking to have their names placed on the ballot should consult with their private attorney to ensure compliance with all aspects of state and local law.

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division  
(512) 463-5650/1-800-252-8683  
[www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml)

Texas Ethics Commission  
(512) 463-5800/1-800-252-8506  
[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

HELPFUL DATES/INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- **Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Ethics (Art. I), Financial Disclosure (Art. III), Limitations on Solicitation and Contributions (Art. IV), and Lobbying (Art. V) is available at the City Website at [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) or from the Office of the City Secretary, Public Level, 900 Bagby, for a charge of 10 cents per page.**
- **The Personal Financial Disclosure form is also available at the Texas Ethics Commission website at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us).**
- Monday, August 3, 2009      Earliest date to file an application for a place on the November 3, 2009 General Election ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)
- Monday, August 3, 2009      Earliest date to file declaration of write-in candidacy in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)
- 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2009      Last day to file an application for a place on the November 3, 2009 General Election ballot in the Mayor's Office. (Texas Election Code)
- 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009      Last day to file declaration of write-in candidacy in the Mayor's office. (Texas Election Code)
- Filing Fee - **Cash or cashier's or certified check payable to City of Houston. No personal checks or money orders accepted.**

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mayor                             | \$1,250.00 |
| Controller                        | 750.00     |
| Council Member                    | 500.00     |
| (Houston City Charter, Article V) |            |
- Nomination Petition in lieu of a filing fee (Houston Code of Ordinances, Texas Election Code)
- November 3, 2009      Election Day (Texas Election Code)